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1. The Polish broadcasts of the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, EBC and the Madrid, Ankara, Paris and Rome stations are eagerly and regularly listened to by the population of Lodz.
2. In the summer of 1953 new local jamming stations were built, often making reception very difficult or even impossible.
3. The main jamming station for Lodz is in the Lagiewniki section of town. Masts of the station can be seen from the right side of the Lodz to Zgierz highway. The station operates on the medium wave lengths. Its probable mission is to deafen the Voice of America which broadcasts on the medium waves. It is able to deafen VOA almost completely, so that reception of its programs is impossible regardless of the kind of radio used.
4. The following jamming technique is used: A very strong wave spread widely over the scale is modulated by two different broadcasts at the same time, for instance, Morse code and a speech, recorded on a magnetophone tape and broadcast backwards. Consequently only squealing, squeaking, snarling and other indescribable sounds can be heard.
5. On long waves the VOA programs can sometimes be received very well, but the schedule for Polish programs on this frequency was unknown. Most people, therefore listen only to short-wave broadcasts, but here also the jamming is sometimes so successful that it is difficult to understand the program.
6. Least jammed are the broadcasts from London and Paris.
7. In the summer of 1953 the best reception, and the most free of jamming, was on the 19 meter band, but the same stations could hardly be heard on the 25, 31, 42 and 49 meter bands, and this only through the jamming.
8. All attempts to separate the jamming from the programs, according to the instructions given by radio, were unsuccessful.

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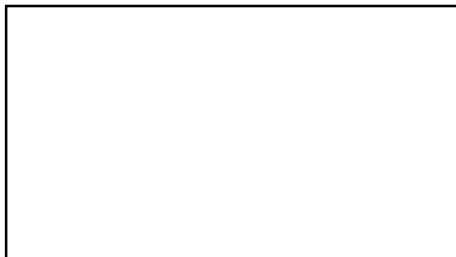
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9. There is no regulation in Poland prohibiting listening to foreign broadcasts; however, if someone is caught, his set is confiscated and he is arrested for spreading hostile propaganda.
10. In spite of these facts the people often abstain from the most necessary items to save money for a short-wave radio.

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